

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 9 and 22 are the independent claims. Claims 1-26 stand rejected. Applicants herein amend claims 1, 9, and 22. No new matter has been added. Further review and consideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1 – 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over US Patent Publication No. 2003/0176,999 (“Calcagno et al.”) in view of US Patent No. 6,016,467 (“Newsted et al”) and US Patent Publication No. 2003/0009352 (“Bolotinikov et al.”). Applicants disagree with the Examiner.

With respect to claim 1, Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify Applicants techniques and respectfully submit that claim 1 patentably defines over the combination of references. In the Office Action the Examiner stated that Col. 2 lines 13 – 17 and col. 2 lines 43 -47 of Newsted teach “a program module configured to parse a grammatical structure of the received inputs to identify a token not present in the received inputs, wherein the token includes a word that is statistically associated with documents that have grammatical structures similar to the received inputs; [and] a program module configured to add the token to the received inputs thereby generating a modified inputs.” Newsted fails to teach or suggest the above referenced limitation. According to the portion of Newsted cited by the Examiner, Newsted provides techniques to correct “syntax error[s] [that] generally involve[] incorrect placement or omission of one lexical token in relation to another lexical token.” (Newsted at col. 2, lines 14-16). That is, Newsted states that the current techniques do not help fix missing “;” in programming language statements (*Id.* at col. 2, lines 15 – 18). Applicants respectfully submit col. lines 43-47 of Newsted fail to teach or suggest the above mentioned claim limitation. For example, lines 43-47 of Newsted state that if an “erroneous token in the user input [is detected], one or more valid language options are transmitted to the user in place of the erroneous token.” Applicants respectfully submit that this fails to teach or suggest parsing an input to identify a missing token, wherein the token includes a word

that is statistically associated with documents that have grammatical structures similar to the received input. For example, in an example embodiment of the present disclosure statistics may provide information concerning how often a particular word appears in the body of a group of documents. If there is a statistical match, the token can be added to the query in order to more accurately conduct a search for something the user wants. Accordingly, for at least this reason Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections to claim 1.

Insomuch as dependent claims 2 – 8 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 they too patentably define over the references. Accordingly, for at last this reason Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection to claims 2-8.

Independent claim 9 and 22 include similar elements as claim 1 and patentably define over the combination of references for at least similar reasons as claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection to claims 2 and 22.

Insomuch as claims 10 – 21, and 23 – 26 depend directly or indirectly from claim 9 or 22 they too patentably define over the combination of references. Accordingly, for at last this reason Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection to claims 10 – 21, and 23 – 26.

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CONCLUSION

In the view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative.

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